BULLENE'S WILL IN COURT.

EXECUTORS ASK FOR A LEGAL COX-STRUCTION OF ITS PROVISIONS.

Three Items That Puzzle Attorney William Warner and O. H. Dean-Friendly Suit Begun to Get a Decision.

To get a legal construction of certain pro risions in the will of the late Thomas B. Bullene, who died on December 4, 1894, a friendly suit against the beneficiaries of the will was yesterday instituted in the circuit court by William Warner and O. H. Dean, the executors. There are three provisions in the will which the executors do not understand. They are the second. third and fourth items and relate to the payment of certain sums of money to John Thomas Bullene and Louise Bullene, grand-

FOUNDER OF AN ORDER SUES. Peculiar Condition of a Benevolent Society Revealed on the Witness Stand.

In Justice Spitz' court yesterday, the People's Benevolent Order of this city was sued by one Stein, who claimed to be the der, for money advanced while the order was in its infancy. The jury has not yet decided on the merits of the case, but yet decided on the merits of the case, but by dint of an afternoon's talking the attorneys succeeded in making it clear that the society was hardly on a footing to a great force in matters of practical be solence, as will appear from a few sentences of the evidence. Dr. Slotty, examining physician and secretary of the society, was on the stand. "Doctor, has your order kept its hall rent paid up to date?" asked the plaintiff's at-

"No, sir."
"Have you had any meetings for several

"No, sir."
"Is Mr. Monahan here, the attorney for the defense, in good standing?"
"No, sir."
"Are any members of the order in good standing?"

"No, sir."
"If the order should quit business ould any benefits fall to any of its n bers?"
"No, sir."
"Take the witness."

ENJOINING AN EATING HOUSE. Eugene Tucker Files Complaint Showing Alleged Bad Faith on the Part of the Clarks.

Having bought the restaurant, Eugene Tucker wants to keep the regular custom-ers, in the meantime having his eyes open ers, in the meantime having his eyes open for new ones. The restaurant is situated at \$21 Walnut street, and he purchased it of M. B. Clark and J. A. Clark with the distinct understanding, he says, that they would not engage in the restaurant business within eight blocks of him. The Clarks went into partnership with their brother-in-law, P. J. Pimiott, and opened an eating house five doors away, or at \$15 Walnut street. Yesterday, Tucker went into the circuit court and asked that they be enjoined from conducting a restaurant at \$15 or from trying to dissuade his customers from eating at his place of business,

HE ASKS A MODEST SUM. William Martin Wants \$15,000 From

a Street Railroad for a Bad Accident. William B. Martin vesterday sued the Metropolitan Street Railway Company for \$15,000 damages because of an accident that happened to him at Twelfth and Wyomin streets last Friday. Martin says he was crossing the cable tracks at the Wyoming street intersection, when a cable train came street intersection, when a cable train came booming around a curve and crashed into his wagen, damaging it more or less and burling him through the air like a large human ball. He says one or both of his kidneys were wrenched loose, that his spine was injured, and that partial paralysis has resulted in his right leg.

Says Husband Is a Profligate.

In her application for divorce from her herband, David Warren, Lella Warren declares that recently he began to live a life of profligacy, and that under the statutes he is a vagrant. They were married June S. 1894, in this city. He is a painter.

Other divorce suits filed yesterday were: Nellie E. Earl from William E. Earl, and Fannie I. Love from Percival G. Love, Jr.

To Visit the Poor Farm To-day. The committee that was appointed by the county court to make an investigation into the condition of the poor farm and report recommendations for the improvement of the farm will leave over the Missouri Pa-cific railroad for the farm at 9 o'clock this morning. They will be met by vehicles at the Little Blue, which will transport them to their destination. The grand jury will visit the farm to-morrow.

Court Briefs.

The grand jury yesterday adjourned un-til next Monday.

Justice Krueger yesterday sentenced Rob-ert Walkins, alits Carlisle, to four months in jail for stealing a bicycle from S. D. Thacher.

Thacher.

Harry F. Randolph pleaded guilty before
Justice Spitz yesterday to the charge of
stealing a razor from John H. Gentry, and
was sent to jail for ten days. Randolph
said he wanted the razor to buy whisky
with

HOTEL THIEF SENTENCED.

Young Tyler Gibbs, Found Under a Bed at the Midland, Is

Fined \$100. payment of certain sums of money to John
Thomas Bullene and Louise Bullene, grandchildren of the testator. The provisions
of the will over which doubt exists in the
minds of the executors read as form y grandchild, John Thomas Builene, ten thousand
dollars (\$10,000, if he shall attain the age of
21, years, with interest during his minority
at the rate of 4 per cent per annum and
to be computed from my decease and to be
paid to his guardian for his maintenance
and education, and if said grandchild, to
the paid to his guardian for his maintenance
and education, and if said grandchild, to
that the name of Louise Bullene is substituted for that of John Thomas Bullene,
and her majority is placed at 18 years.
The next item is as follows:

"Item III. is the same as item II., except
that the name of Louise Bullene is substituted for that of John Thomas Bullene,
and her majority is placed at 18 years.
The next item is as follows:

"Item IV. The legacies of my grandchildren, John Thomas Bullene and Louise
Bullene, excepting interest, I direct shall
be paid out of monies received from my
interests in the co-partnership of Bullene,
in Kansas City, Mo. In case a sufficient
in Kansas City, Mo. In case a sufficient
in the interest on the legacies be paid
out of my estate, it being my will
dren, then it is my will that the residue
and remainder of said legaces be paid
out of my estate, it being my will
dren, then it is my will that the residue
and interest in the firm of Bullene, Moore
Emery & Co., or whether the sums allowed
the grandchildren and the undischarged
claims against the estate from the property
and interest in the firm of Bullene, Moore
Emery & Co., or whether the sums allowed
the grandchildren only should be paid from
such source, It will be for the court to
deside Just how the claims against the estate from the property
and interest in the firm of Bullene, Moore
Commercial Club has prepared the programme
for the third annual banquet of the club, to
be given at the Coates House to-morrow
might. Frank A. Fax Tyler M. Gibbs, the young man from East Spring Water, N. Y., who was caught May Lamont, who was registered at the Midland as Gibbs' wife, is the daughter of

White, of Emporia; "The Course of Empire," Sanford B. Ladd; "Missouri," William C. Scarritt; "Our Country," William C. Hook, of Leavenworth. The banquet will begin at 7:45.

in the School Auditorium Saturday Night.

Twelve pupils selected from the four literary societies of the Central high school have for a month been rehearsing the popular farce, "A Scrap of Paper." The play is to be given next Saturday night in the high school auditorium cenery has been procured and Mr. Preston K. Dillenbeck has charge of the play. The cast has been working earnestly and expects to give an even and enjoyable per-formance. General admission will be 25 cents and 35 cents for reserved seats. The entire proceeds of the play will be given to

PEOPLE IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. R. E. Ball will issue invitations shortly for a Christmas-week card party. Mr. and Mrs. S. Kaufman, of 1512 Troost avenue, are entertaining Miss Hattle Davidson, of Denver.

Miss Anna Keith will come home from Georgetown, where she is attending the convent school, for the Christmas vaca-

Ladies of the Howard Memorial M. E. church, of Springfield avenue and Cherry street, will hold a sale of fancy articles and give a social on Friday evening.

Miss Pauline Swain will go to St. Louis next week to visit her aunt, Mrs. William J. Say. Miss Swain will spend the holi-days in Chicago, the guest of Miss Mae Weatherson.

A splendid Christmas tree, weighed down with the wonderful and delightful fruit that only Christmas trees bear, will gladden the hearts of the children at the Auditorium hotel on Christmas eve.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY.

"A Scrap of Paper" Will Be Produced

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Miss Mary Slavens is visiting friends in

Miss Margaret Murray, who is at Vassar, will spend her vacation at home.

Miss Frances Lillis will go to St. Louis this week to bring her sister, Miss Florence Lillis, home from her convent school for the Christmas holidays. They will arrive in Kansas City Saturday evening.

A club formed of about thirty of the younger set of society men of the East side gives fortnightly dancing parties at Music hall. The next of the series falls upon Christmas eve and is to be much more elaborate than its predecessors, as befits the season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lind, of 1006 Virginia avenue, entertained friends of their daughter, Letha, yegierday from 7 to 10 p. m. in honor of her lith birthday. Music, games and refresments were enjoyed. Those present were Miss Myrtle Palitier, Miss Mabel Palitier, Miss Mary Mitchel, Miss Mabel Palitier, Miss Mary Mitchel, Miss Mabel Frazee, Miss Marie Dunlap, Miss Adele Perkins, Miss Agnes Wood, Miss Nellie Frazee, Miss Lula Wood, Miss Mary Warren, Miss Fredle Smith, Miss Alice Wood, Miss Edna Newby, Miss Mabel French, Miss Norien Hase, Mrs. George Warren, Webster Harlan, Charlie Pugsley, George Palitier, Myron Kief, Orrin Dixon, Clint Palitier, Harry Cotten, Earl Warren, Clarence Wood, Marshal Williams, Clint Warren, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lind, Miss Lydia and Barah Miller, Miss Roe and Mr. T. A. Scott.

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KANSAS CITY, MO., December 16, 1897. - Temperature yesterday - Maximum, 41; minimum, 31. To-day us look for the weather to be colder; snow.

CHRISTMAS—INTERESTINGLY NEAR

Eight more shopping days before Christmas. Saturday night we begin to make the days longer by keeping open every evening until Christmas Day.

Sterling Silver Articles.

All of our silver (mounted) toilet articles are warranted 925-1000 fine, and are unquestionably the weightiest for the least money, and the choicest



75c for \$1.50 Cigar Cutters 75c for \$1.50 Stamp Moistener, 75c for \$1.50 Tooth Brushes. Shoe Hook. | 75c for \$1.50 °
98c for \$1.50 Bonnet Brush.
19c for 35c Files.
19c for 35c Glove Hook.
19c for 35c Seals.
19c for 35c Erasers.
19c for 35c Cuticle Knife.
19c for 35c Tweezers.
\$1.25 for \$2.00 Hat Brushes,
\$1.48 for \$2.50 Nail Brushes,
\$1.98 for \$3.00 Shoe Horns.

75 Cents for \$1.00 Sterling Mounted Dressing Combs. 98 Cents for \$1.50 Manicure Scissors.

Handkerchiefs.

\$1.50 for \$2.50

75 Cents for \$1.50 Pomade



50 dozen, or 6,000. Handker-chiefs, for women, will go on sale to-day for

10 Cents Each. This is an entirely new line of lace edge Handkerchiefs and would make a very neat Christmas present. We have now on sale our entire holiday purchase of Handkerchiefs in all linen and Swiss embroidery for women, boys and girls and children. If you are going to give handkerchiefs for Christmas presents, be sure and see this holiday display.

OUR CENTURY CLUB

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Is a splendid illustration of the wonderful advantage of coperative buying. The 1,000 persons who comprise our Century Club each get a set of that great work, The Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia, at the same rate that would be paid by a wholesale purchaser of 1,000 sets. The terms on which the sets are to be paid for are even more favorable than would be accorded the wholesale buyer, for club members may pay in small monthly payments if they choose. From the start this general monthly distribution for introductory purposes was limited to 1,000 sets. Many sets are being purchased as Christmas gifts. If you intend to join the club do not delay your application, for prompt action will be necessary. Full particulars at the Booth on Grand Avenue Floor, West End.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 for 58c.

A Tumble in Prices.



offered such fashionable goods at the price of the duty. Next season when you learn the value of imported goods under the new tariff law, you'll wish you'd bought a year's supply of these at 58 cents.

Dress Patterns for the Holidays-We have cut a large number of Dress Patterns in full dress lengths, put up in a nice box for Christmas presents, in prices, per pattern,

Making of Silk Petticoats, 50c-See style of skirt in Silk Dept.

\$3.00 for \$1.98 Ladies' Natural All Wool Oneita Union Suits, early season's price for this same quality \$3.00; we secured this lot so we can sell them suit.....\$1.98 35c for 10c We will offer ar assorted lot of Knit Goods on bargain

counter, consisting of Hoods, Fascinators, Children's Caps, 35c, for, 10c 35c for 25c

600 pairs Ladies' Plain Black Cashmere Hose, elastic rib top, merino heels and toe. for, pair......25c

Linen Dept. \$1.25 for 75c

Furniture Dept. F	ourth
Sofa Bed, mahogany fra stered green velvet, worth \$82.50, for	me, uphol-
Sofa Bed, upholstered red velvet, worth \$65.00, for	\$47.50
Sofa Bed, upholstered gr corduroy, worth \$47.50, for	een figured
Mahogany Chiffonier, worth \$64.00, for	
Parlor Suits, mahogany holstered in silk tapestry, worth \$35.00, for	finish, up-
Mahogany China Cabinets, mirror back, worth \$68, for	Children and the Control of the Cont
Antique Oak China Cabi- nets, worth \$65.00, for	\$49.00
Combination Bookcase, worth \$28.00, for	
Antique Oak Chairs, leath back, worth \$12.50, for	er seat and

Corset Dept.



To-day we will of-fer for sale the larg-est collection of Feather Boas ever

Closing out one style of the cele-brated I. C. Corset, style "Lenox." black only, sizes 18 to 25 except 19 and 24 sizes, of black wool material, a medium length gored Corset, embroidery trimmed, regular value \$5.50; to-day for

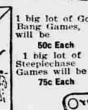
\$3.50 Each Big Corset Dept., Third Floor.

IN OUR MAMMOTH TOY DEPT.

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to-day.....\$1.48

Also one lot of Changeable Taffeta Silk Shirt Waists, all sizes, value 5.00 each; to-day, \$2.69

Special this after

25 dozen Women's All

noon at 2:30:

acceptable to a young or elderly woman than a handsome Fan. We are now showing the new ideas from Paris and Vienna—in the small Empire Fan—with Dresden figures—also spangled handle—creations never before seen in Fans. seen in Fans, arge collections Many of them worth up to \$2. One handsome collection of the new Empire Fan, at, each

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Ladies' Jackets. To-day \$5.00 will buy a Boucle Jacket, made in the same style as our expensive Jackets, has coat back, high star shaped storm collar and fly front, tailor made colors black and navy. We have on sale to-day a special lot of Fur Neck Boas, an excellent Christ-Brook Mink..... Brown Opossum...... 750 Cape Seal.....986 Brown Marten......\$2.50

Children's Fur Sets made of White Angora, has collar and muff, special

Boys' Dept. Third Floor.



dren's wear-ables. This popular de-partment is doing the largest bustness in its his-tory. Our stock is complete for the holidays SUITS. OVERCOATS. REEFERS, MACKIN-TOSHES,

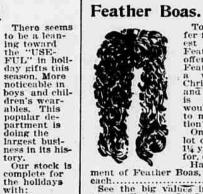
SWEATERS, LEGGINGS, SHIRTS, WAISTS, HATS and CAPS. Neckties in Windsors, reefer bows, band bows, String Ties and the nobby new Puff Ties 25c and 50c for the larger boys..... 25c and SPECIAL FOR TO-DAY.

30 Reefers, sizes 3 to 8 years, of navy blue Chinchilla, tan frieze and brown and tan mixed Cheviots, some made with the narrow velvet collar and hav-ing large horn buttons; some with the deep sailor collars, all finely tailored and perfect fitting, values up for to-day,

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Grand Ave.



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ductions, so that quick selling will be assured. You can find in our collection almost any size, from the small door mat to the large carpet sizes. Call for these on Fourth Floor.



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59c and up Underwear Dept., Third Floor,

Wool Flanue; Waists, assorted colors, value 98c each; while they last for, each. 59c

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•••••••••••••• MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

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The big night at the theaters during The big night at the theaters during Christmas week will be Monday, when Mme. Nordica will appear in concert at the Coates, together with her excellent concert company and the Oratorio Society of this city. The sale of seats, which is in progress at the Burlington ticket office, indicates that the attendance will completely fill the theater.

That exceptional group of artists known as the Bostonians is announced for an early appearance at the Coates opera house. The engagement is sure to elicit a warm response from music lovers, for, beyond question, this splendid light opera company is the best equipped and most famous in the lyric world. This year the Bostonians have entered on their tenth annual tour, playing to crowded houses every where with their latest offering, "The Service of the company where with their latest offering, "The Service of the playing to crowded houses every where with their latest offering, the service of the company which to this above named composition and "Robin Hood," The management has also been extremely fortunate in securing a list of talented young singers, who have made unqualified hits and strongly augmented the

artistic forces. Among the most prominent singers who will appear here are Henry Clay Barnebee, William H. MacDonald, Jessie Bartlett Davis, Eugene Cowles, Allce Nielsen, George Frothingham, Josephine Bartlett, William E. Philip and many others. The production to be made here will be on most lavish lines, including full singing and acting strength of the organization and with the same accessories that have marked the original productions of the opera. The Serenade' will be the bill for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. "Robin Hood" is announced at the Christmas mathers. The Christmas week play at the Auditorium will be "The Silver King," one of the best dramas that could possibly have been chosen for a holiday engagement. It has not been seen in this city for a long time, but it is well remembered by old theatergoers who had the privilege of seeing Frank Bangs in the title part, and later, of witnessing the originator of the role, Wilson Barrett, during that tragedian's first tour of America. The play made name and fame for Mr. Barrett and for its author, Henry Author Jones.

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NAMES FOR BOULEVARDS.

ndependence, Gladstone and Benton Are the Ones Selected by the Park Board.

selected names for the park boulevards, and a resolution was adopted requesting and a resolution was adopted requesting the passage of an ordinance at the next council session confirming the action taken. The boulevard from Ninth and Grove to Independence and Walrond avenues is to be known as Independence. That from the intersection of Independence boulevard and Gladstone avenue north and east to the city limits, to be Gladstone boulevard. That from Independence boulevard and Independence boulevard to the city limits, to be Gladstone boulevard. That from Independence boulevard to the southern city limits is to be Benton boulevard. That Charles W. Davis, Windsor, Mo. 28 Lulu E. Dorman, Chariton, Mo. 25 Emmett Sprucill, Jackson county. 25 Work Can Be Done Somehow.

The park board at yesterday's meeting

City Purchasing Agent Campbell has not yet awarded the contract for the books desired by the engineers and city clerk's office, but is one step nearer a solution to the question. The Latiner Printing Company, while admitting it did not have the necessary machinery with which to do the work, has given notice that it can supply the records. The firm did not say where it proposed to have the work done and no action was taken.

The long pending ordinance requiring a reduction in telephone charges, both for residences and business houses, has been placed on the calendar of the lower house for its next session. This measure has been in the committee for some months, but it seems its members have been unable to agree upon a report.

May Consider the New Wards.

ent fire and police alarm system with a metallic circuit. The committee expects also to take up the redistricting question.

Marriage Licenses Issued Yesterday. Charles S. Baldwin, Kansas City...... Margaret E. Barger, Kansas City......

court: December 7; boy. Cooper, E. and Helen E.; 3119 Lexington; December 19: boy,
Johnson, Adolph and Charlotte; 1524 Benton: December II; girl,
Gilmore, J. F. and L. A.; 2023 Dripps; December 12: boy,
Mancuso, G. and M.; 123 Grand; December 13: boy.
Lewis, Lon and Emma; 2822 Central; December 13; girl.
Schnitter, John L. and Grace; Drury and Washington; December 14; boy.

ember 11; 28 years; malignant jaundice; The finance committee of the upper house will meet at 10 o'clock this morning and resume consideration of the proposed ordinance requiring the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company to supplant the prescent of the present the prescent of the prescent of the upper house McCaffrey, Lawrence; 297 Southwest boulevard; 55 years; rupture, abdominal acrta; Mount St. Mary's Anderson, infant; 1737 Washington; December 14; 3 hours; inanition; Union,

Births Reported. Corkins, Dewitt and Estella; 2604 Macon

Deaths Reported. Kelly, Mrs.; 3203 East Twenty-fifth; De-